

REMARKS

Claims 4-14, 18-28, 31, 34, 35, and 38-42 are pending and allowed. New claims 43-60 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Pursuant to MPEP, Section 714.16, this amendment after notice of allowance is presented. The amendment is needed to provide proper protection for the invention; the proposed new claims 43-45 and 58-60 correspond to the allowed computer program product claims 40-42; the proposed new claims 46-55 and 56-57 correspond to allowed method claims 4-15 and 34-35, respectively, and thus require no additional search of examination; the new claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the allowed claims; and the new claims were not earlier presented because the need for these additional claims was only recently realized. For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the new claims be entered and allowed.

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